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## BHOOGOL VACHASPATI AWARD



**Prof. P.S. Tiwari**

Born on April 2, 1937 in a village of Azamgarh district, U.P., Professor Prem Shanker Tiwari completed his post graduate degree in geography from Banaras Hindu University in 1956. After completion of his Ph.D. research on 'Urban Patterns in Madhya Pradesh', he joined the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar where he developed courses in agricultural climatology and crop geography and brought out the 'Agricultural Atlas of Uttar Pradesh', the first of its kind in the country. The publication was highly acclaimed by agricultural scientists including Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug, who wanted the atlas to be updated and revised periodically.

Prof. Tiwari moved to the Institute of Development Studies, University of Mysore in 1974 to conduct an evaluation study of the Government of India sponsored 'Pilot Intensive Rural Employment Project'. He had his practical training in inter-disciplinary research under the inspiring leadership of Prof. R. P. Misra and worked on another Government of India sponsored project, 'Micro-Level Planning for Draught Prone Areas'. He had his advanced training in Regional Planning at the Settlement Study Centre, Rehovot, Israel with field training in Ghana, West Africa. He moved to the University of Madras in 1976 where he brought out, in collaboration with his colleague Professor A. Ramesh, the 'Basic Resource Atlas of Tamil Nadu'. He had a short stint at Osmania University, Hyderabad in 1983-85 before his superannuation at the University of Madras in 1997.

Professor Tiwari has made valuable contributions in the field of agricultural geography, rural development and regional planning. His professional service as Editor, Indian Geographical Journal, as General Secretary, Indian Geographical Society, as Editor, Annals of the Association of Geographers, India, and finally as President, National Association of Geographers, India has greatly enriched teaching and research in geography in the country. His unassuming nature, compassion for fellow beings and helping attitude has earned him large number of friends and well wishers in the geographic fraternity in the country. He has used his wide reach and goodwill for promoting the cause of geography in full measure.

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In his long sojourn from a village in Ganga valley to a metropolis in the Kaveri plains Prof. Tiwari had panoramic experiences-sweet and sour. Born and brought up in north India and having endearing professional engagements with three prestigious Universities in three different states in south India, Prof. Tiwari is a shining example of environmental adaptation and national integration, and has been a fountain-head of inspiration to the young generation of geographers in the country.

In recognition of his seminal contribution to Geography, the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) honours him with the award of BHOOGOL VACHASPATI at its 37<sup>th</sup> Indian Geography Congress held at University of Jammu, Jammu on December 2, 2015.



**Secretary General  
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